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MEETINGS.
JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 23, K. of R. and S. Officers and Members—Attend a convention this evening at 8 o'clock, at the hall of the lodge, 120 N. 10th St. JAMES R. LAMPKIN, Secy.

Piedmont Railroad Company.
MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS. A meeting of the stockholders of the Piedmont Railroad Company will be held at the office of the company, corner of 10th and 11th Sts., on TUESDAY, the 28th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

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Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1876.

WEATHER REPORT.

PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.—Washington, November 21.—For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, rising barometer, south to west winds, and warmer, clear weather will prevail.

For the Middle Atlantic States, northwest winds, backing to warmer southwest, rising followed by falling barometer, and partly cloudy weather.

Canada signals continue at Portland, Eastport, Indiana, and Galveston.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was partly cloudy during the early part of the day with high winds. In the afternoon it cleared off and the sun shone out beautifully for the first time for eight days.

Thermometer YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 59; 9 A. M., 64; noon, 65; 3 P. M., 58; 6 P. M., 51; midnight, 46.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE MAILED.—The recent changes in the schedule of the mail trains, particularly those running North and South, have altered the hours of arrivals and departures of mails heretofore published by us. We give below a corrected list of the times in which changes have been made, which it would be well to preserve for reference.

Northern through mail—twice daily—arrive at 8 A. M. and 11:30 P. M., close at 6:15 A. M. and 8:15 P. M.

Northern mail—twice daily—arrive at 11:30 P. M. and 8 P. M., close at 7 A. M. and 10:30 P. M.

Southern mail—twice daily—arrive at 7 A. M. and 8 P. M., close at 7 A. M. and 10:30 P. M.

Chesapeake and Ohio railroad—daily except Sunday—arrive at 5:30 P. M., close at 7:30 A. M.

Collections from Street-Boys.—From the boxes on the two special routes known as "star-boxes," 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Office Hours—8 A. M. to 6:30 P. M.; from 6:30 P. M. to November 1st, 7:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. Money-order office open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.; registered-letter office from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

THE FIRE YESTERDAY.—Yesterday afternoon, at twenty-five minutes past 1 o'clock, the Fire Department was called out in response to an alarm from Station 34, corner Thirteenth and Main streets.

Adam's bakery, on Twelfth street near Cary, and was caused by a lot of burning crackers being placed in a barrel in the stable on the alley between Twelfth and Thirteenth and Main and Cary streets. It is stated that one of the bakers had accidentally burned some of the crackers while baking and had thrown them into the barrel, which had been filled with straw.

It happened that some of the crackers were burning, and in a short time set fire to the others, making a great smoke and causing the building to be filled with smoke. The fire spread rapidly, and caused no damage. Four steamers were on hand in short order, and presented a very pretty sight on Main street.

CUTTING AFFRAY.—Between midnight Monday and 2 o'clock yesterday morning a difficulty occurred between a party of negroes about three miles west of Richmond, on the canal, which resulted in the cutting of James Wells and George Selden, the former being dangerously injured. Justice Hopkins arrested William Worford, charged with the offence, and committed him to jail until December 1st, the injured men being unable to appear at this time.

COTTON FOR LIVERPOOL.—The first instalment of cotton for Liverpool by bark Paramount arrives to-day.

THE RACES TO-DAY.—The races at the Fair-Grounds to-day, commencing at 1 P. M., promise to be very interesting. The following are the entries:

First Race.—Dash of half mile for two-year-olds. Purse, \$75—\$50 to first and \$25 to second horse. A. B. Lewis & Co., Spring Station, Kentucky, enters gray gelding Bosworth, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Meador, by Child Harold. J. W. Welden, Jr., New York City, enters bay filly Flora, by W. Danes, dam Flora Maynor. W. P. Burch, of South Carolina, enters ch. c. Main Brace, by Prussian, dam by Charley Ball.

Second Race.—Dash of one mile for all ages; to carry 100 pounds; no allowance. Purse, \$100—\$75 to first horse and \$25 to second horse. A. B. Lewis & Co., enter b. c. Pluto, three years old, by Planet, dam Eleanor by Voltigeur. C. W. Medinger, of Baltimore, enters ch. g. First Chance, five years old, by Bay Wood, dam Dot. J. W. Welden, Jr., enters c. C. Coupon, three years old, by Lightning, dam Income, by Revenue.

Third Race.—Hurdle-race; mile heats, over four hurdles; light wetter-weights. Purse, \$150—\$100 to first horse and \$50 to second horse. J. F. Wilson, of Maryland, enters b. g. Jack Trigg, by Lightning, dam Sally Morgan. Mr. Callahan, of New York, enters b. g. Bay Ram, by Bay Wood, dam by Cythian.

AN INTERESTING WEDDING.—St. Peter's Cathedral was the scene of an interesting wedding last night, which attracted a large number of Catholics, as well as many of other denominations. The young couple, whose parents are well-known and highly respected in our community, were greeted with many and many blessings and good wishes.

The bride was Miss Lydia Blanche O'Donnell, daughter of Daniel O'Donnell, Esq., the well-known plumber, and the groom was Mr. Rudolph Wendlinger, son of Caspar Wendlinger, Esq., the popular tailor. Father Janssens performed the ceremony, and the happy couple went northward on the evening's train. Happiness attend them through life.

A USEFUL IMPROVEMENT.—Mr. Oliver Mountcastle, one of the enterprising stationers at the Broad-Street engine-house, has paid a visit to the North lately, and while there received some valuable hints in regard to the method of "unsnapping" the large horses in case of an alarm. He has made a similar arrangement at the Broad-Street engine-house here, and fixed the "halter-snaps" for the horse-carriage horse in such a way that by pulling a wire when the gong strikes the horse is unharnessed, comes out of the stall instantly, and takes his place under the shafts of the horse-carriage. It would be a good plan to arrange all the fire-engine stables in the city in this way.

THE PAYING ORDINANCE.—The resolution instructing the City Engineer to suspend the paving of sidewalks until the next year, and to order a number of holes are being patched up and the sidewalks in various parts of the city repaired. It is to be hoped that this work will be pushed forward with vigor. There is scarcely any city improvement that is more important.

COLORADO DEMOCRATS TO BE AT TILDEN'S INAUGURATION.—The Colorado Democratic State Association is making preparations to have a large delegation at Washington March 6, 1877, to attend the inauguration of Tilden.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

THE SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THE CASE OF REV. MR. RUSSELL INDEFINITELY POSTPONED—BIBLE CAUSE—REPORT OF THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY—AN AGENT TO BE APPOINTED—THE HALF-FUND—AN APPEAL FROM AN EXPELLED MEMBER—INTERESTING MEMORIAL SERVICES—ADDRESSES BY ELOQUENT MINISTERS.

Conference met at the usual hour yesterday morning. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Paul Whitehead, Bishop Kavanagh, the choir.

The consideration of the case of Rev. J. S. Russell, late of the Protestant Methodist Church, who is applying for connection with this Conference, and about whose legal ordination there is evidence lacking, was resumed. There were no documents presented to show that he had been duly ordained, while it was alleged that if he was ordained it was after the dissolution of the Protestant Methodist Church in Virginia, and by a number of the members who did not act with the majority of the Church.

After a great deal of discussion the subject was indefinitely postponed.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The hour of 11 o'clock to-day (Wednesday) was occupied by Rev. R. E. Armstrong, fixed for the consideration of reports of the Bible cause.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

Rev. F. M. Edwards presented the report of the Preachers' Relief Society, signed by John R. Kilby, president. The report states that during the year "the Society has steadily persevered in its noble work, despite the indifference of some of those whose duty and cordial cooperation the Society had a right to expect. But the Society is not discouraged. Its increase will be found to be nearly \$1,500." The report submitted differs from the last annual report to the Conference in that it extends from the 10th of November, 1875, to the 10th of November, 1876, thereby including the reports at the Conference session in 1875, and not as heretofore the receipts of the present session. Hereafter the annual reports will be made up to a specified day previous to the session of the Conference, so as to avoid making two extended reports in detail with only a few days intervening.

The report, presented by Rev. F. M. Edwards, shows: Receipts, \$5,390.71; disbursements, \$5,250.00, including amount paid for \$5,600 Norfolk city bonds, \$300 to secretary and treasurer, \$240 to appropriations, &c.; balance on hand, \$140.71.

The number of subscribers last year was 1,654; at present, 1,800. Aggregate subscription last November, \$4,687; at present, \$4,680.20. Total receipts from all sources last year, \$1,765.81; this year, \$1,888.95. Aggregate amount on hand last November was \$3,507.70; now (bonds at actual cost), \$4,848.71. The direct receipts from subscriptions and donations is \$1,549.10, against \$1,609.50 last year. Advances and interest on deposits and investments is \$342.85, against \$155.01 of last year, netting a larger addition to the main fund than was realized last year by \$123.54.

The Board recommended the appointment of a travelling agent to collect subscriptions, &c. An agent was appointed. Resolved, That John R. Kilby, of Suffolk; Richard R. Ryb, of Richmond; George M. Bain, of Portsmouth; William T. McMullan, of Hartford, N. C.; J. H. Lassiter, of Murfreesboro, N. C.; Joseph E. Broadwater, of Accomac, &c.; J. H. Davis, of Norfolk; Rev. F. M. Edwards and Rev. J. Carson Watson, of the Virginia Conference, be elected directors for the ensuing conference year of "the Society of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South, and their families, their widows and orphans." Adopted.

HALL SUBMITTED.

Rev. A. G. Brown submitted the report of the Hall fund. The Conference ordered that the fund be by the trustees paid over to the Joint Board of Finance for the use of superannuated preachers. The fund is a legacy now in litigation.

AN APPEAL.

A number of voluminous papers in the form of an appeal of R. S. Brock, of Gordonsville, from the acts of Rev. John T. Moore, as approved by rulings of Rev. J. H. Davis, President, and the Quarterly Conference. It appeared that Mr. Brock had been expelled from his church. He then appealed to the Quarterly Conference for reinstatement, and his appeal was overruled. Then he came to the Annual Conference. The questions were chiefly technical, and related to Church government.

Rev. Paul Whitehead moved, in order to dispose of the matter formally, that the vote by which Mr. Proctor's character was passed be reconsidered, and that Mr. Brock's documents be referred to a committee of three. Agreed to. The following gentlemen were appointed: Rev. Dr. C. C. Granbery, Rev. Powell Garland, and Rev. W. C. Vaden.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

At 12 o'clock the special order of the day (the memorial services) was taken up. The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. P. A. Peterson. He gave out and the Conference and congregation sang the 70th hymn, beginning

"Jesus, with ecstasy unknown
Fills the wide circle around Thy throne."

Rev. Dr. Duncan then led in prayer. He especially invoked divine favor for the families and friends of deceased ministers.

"Come ye disconsolate" was then sung. Rev. Paul Whitehead submitted the report of the Committee on Memorials, and read a splendid memoir of Rev. George W. Langhorne, prepared by himself. Mr. Langhorne was born in Warwick county, Va., died in Richmond, February 3, 1876, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. He was forty-six years in the ministry. In early life he studied for the law awhile, but gave it up for mercantile pursuits, which he left at the age of thirty.

Following the reading of the memoir the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Duncan, Rev. Dr. Leonidas Rosser, Rev. E. M. Peterson, Rev. W. F. Bayne, Rev. Joseph H. Davis, Rev. P. A. Peterson, Rev. S. A. Steel, Rev. Joseph Amis, Rev. Dr. C. C. Granbery, and Rev. Paul Whitehead spoke eloquently of the Christian character and ministerial labors of the deceased. Three of the ministers who spoke of Mr. Langhorne were led into the Church through his instrumentality.

The hymn beginning "Here I raise my Ebenezer" was then sung.

Rev. John N. Jones read the memoir of Rev. Benjamin Devany, who was born in Franklin county, N. C., in 1788, and died in Southampton county, Va., in May, 1876, after a ministry of seventy-one years, aged eighty-nine. He received a liberal education, and was licensed to preach before he was twenty years of age. He was a most devoted and successful minister, and was called to the Virginia Conference at Norfolk in the winter of 1866. Two years afterward he was received into full connection and ordained a deacon by Bishop Asbery at Lynchburg. For his death, which was very sudden, he was fully prepared. The memoir by Mr. Jones was interesting and well written, and the reading was listened to with great attention.

Tributes to the memory of Mr. Devany were rendered by Rev. George W. Nolley and Rev. Dr. L. M. Lee.

Mr. Devany had been on the superannuated list so long he was known to but few of the comparatively young members of the Conference.

The memoirs were, on motion of Rev. P. A. Peterson, adopted and ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

Rev. George W. Nolley, who has been on the superannuated list for two years, asked

the bishop to restore him to the effective list. After the usual religious exercises the Conference adjourned.

AID SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Virginia Aid Society to the Foreign Mission Society was held in the Broad-Street church last evening. Rev. F. C. Woodward in the chair, and Rev. Mr. J. C. Twitty acting as secretary.

A number of suggestions concerning funds in mission operations were presented. Rev. S. A. Steel moved that the question of a field be made a matter of correspondence between the secretary and Dr. McFerrin. After considerable discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. H. S. Steel, J. S. R. Clarke, and F. C. Woodward spoke in favor of Brazil as a mission field.

Rev. Messrs. B. B. Beales and H. M. Hope spoke in favor of Japan.

The subject was then deferred till the next meeting.

The Society then resolved to go into the election of officers. The following were elected: President, S. A. Steel; First Vice-President, Joshua Hunter; Second Vice-President, F. C. Woodward; Third Vice-President, H. M. Hope; Treasurer, George M. Bayne; Secretary, J. F. Twitty.

Adjourned.

A GOOD JOKE ON JUDGE GUIGNON